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- В. On March 30, 2023, as Dk. No. 21, the United States Trustee filed a motion to dismiss or convert the case under 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b) for failure to comply with the U.S. Trustee guidelines and requirements for a chapter 11 case.
- C. On April 4, 2023, Debtor filed its schedules and statements. Docket Nos. 32-34, 36; see also Docket Nos. 52-54 (amended schedules and statements).
- D. On May 4, 2023, the Court entered an "Order Directing United States Trustee to Appoint Chapter 11 Trustee." Docket No. 58. Richard A. Marshack was appointed as the Chapter 11 trustee of the Debtor's estate. Docket Nos. 62-65.
- Prior to bankruptcy, on or about December 22, 2021, Debtor entered into an Office E. Lease ("Lease") with Landlord with regard to the office building commonly known as 60 N Market St. # C300 & C400, Asheville, NC 28801-8124 ("Property"). The Lease was for the five calendar years of 2022 through and including 2026. The annual rent adjusted over time but was specified in Exhibit C to the Lease at \$91,922.76 for 2023 (\$7,660.23 per month). The Lease further obligated the tenant to pay for its share of common area maintenance charges of in the amount of \$1,184.10 monthly.
 - F. The Lease was personally guaranteed by one of Debtor's principals: Daniel March.
- G. In connection with its execution of the Lease, Debtor paid a security deposit in the amount of \$6,287.50 ("Security Deposit").
- H. Under 11 U.S.C. § 365(d)(4), the Lease was deemed rejected as a matter of law on July 18, 2023; however, possession has not yet been restored to Landlord.
- I. On September 6, 2023, as Dk. No. 486, Trustee filed a motion to reject certain leases and executory contracts ("Rejection Motion"). The Rejection Motion sought to reject the Lease to the extent that there was any dispute regarding whether it had already been rejected under Section 365(d)(4).
- J. No payments were made on the lease after Debtor filed its bankruptcy. The amounts owed for the months that Debtor failed to pay despite having possession of the premises exceeds the

A true and correct copy of the Lease is attached as Exhibit 1.

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amount of the Security Deposit. The Parties agree that the Lease is rejected, the Landlord is entitled to setoff the amount of the Security Deposit against its administrative rent claim, and that Landlord shall be entitled to an allowed administrative rent claim for the difference as set forth below.

Wherefore, the Parties agree and STIPULATE as follows:

- 1. The Lease is rejected and terminated;
- 2. Trustee surrenders the Property to Landlord, and Landlord is entitled to immediate possession. Landlord will take all actions reasonably necessary to mitigate its damages by reletting the premises;
- 3. Landlord shall apply the Security Deposit to reduce the amount of its administrative claim;
- 4. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(1), Landlord shall have an allowed administrative claim for unpaid post-petition rent from the April 1, 2023, date of default, through September 15, 2023, which amount equals \$35,843.77 (\$38,301.15 plus \$3,830.12 less \$6,287.50).
- 5. Landlord has already filed a claim for damage arising from anticipated rejection of the Lease designated as Proof of Claim No. 182 and understands that said claim is capped as set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(6) ("Unsecured Claim"). Within 30 days after entry of an order approving this Stipulation, Landlord shall file an amended proof of claim to the extent that its filed claim is inconsistent with the terms of this stipulation;
- 6. The Parties agree that there is no automatic stay preventing Landlord from seeking to recover any of its damages from the guarantor, Daniel March. Any amounts recovered from Mr. March shall reduce the amount of any allowed Unsecured Claim held by Landlord. Promptly after recovering any money or property of value from Mr. March, Landlord shall notify Trustee and file an amendment to its Unsecured Claim reflecting the reduction;
- 7. There remains personal property left by Debtor on the premises including printers, furniture, and other office items ("Personal Property"). Trustee has determined that such Personal Property is burdensome and of inconsequential value to the estate. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 6007-1(a), Trustee will abandon any interest in the Personal Property by way of a separatelyfiled notice. Landlord may remove the Personal Property from the premises if doing so facilitates its

1	efforts to relet the property. After abandonment is effective, Landlord shall dispose of the Personal
2	Property as it sees fit. If prior to disposal, any lessor or other claimed owner of any Personal
3	Property contacts Landlord and establishes such interest to the satisfaction of Landlord that said
4	claimant is the rightful owner of the Personal Property, then Landlord shall return possession of such
5	property to such owner. If there are any fees associated with such removal and disposal, Landlord
6	may submit a request for additional fees and amendment to the allowance of the administrative claim
7	under paragraph 4 above by filing a declaration and amended order approving this Stipulation;
8	8. This Stipulation resolves all issues between the Parties arising out of the Rejection
9	Motion and Landlord shall have no obligation to respond to said motion. Except as provided in this
10	Stipulation, Landlord waives and releases any claims against the Estate inconsistent with the terms
11	of this Stipulation; and
12	9. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts and facsimile electronic
13	signatures may be used in filing this document with the Court.
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15	DATED: September 15, 2023 MARSHACK HAYS LLP
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17	By: <u>/s/ Laila Masud</u> D. EDWARD HAYS
18	LAILA MASUD Attorneys for Chapter 11 Trustee
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EXHIBIT 1



COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT (Multi-Tenant Facility)

(Note: This form is not intended to be used as a Sublease and SHOULD NOT be used in Sublease circumstances)
THIS COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT, including any and all addenda attached hereto ("Lease"), is by and between River Tree, LLC
a(n) NC based Limited Liability Company ("Landlord"),
(individual or State of formation and type of entity)
whose address is PO Box 842, Asheville, NC 28802-0842 , and
The Litigation Practice Group, PC
a(n) California Professional Corporation ("Tenant"). (individual or State of formation and type of entity)
whose address is 60 N Market St # C300 & #C400, Asheville, NC 28801-8124
X If this box is checked, the obligations of Tenant under this Lease are secured by the guaranty of Daniel S. March
(name(s) of guarantor(s)) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
(Note: Any guaranty should be prepared by an attorney at law.)
For and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:
PREMISES/PROPERTY (Note: In this Section, Premises is the actual space being leased and Property is the broader site/location of the Premises.) 1. (a) Landlord leases unto Tenant, and Tenant hereby leases and takes upon the terms and conditions which hereinafter appear, those certain premises depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter called the "Premises"), which is a part of a building or buildings located at the Property (defined below).
The address of the Premises is:
(Address): 60 N. Market St. #C300 & #C400, Asheville, NC 28801 PINS# 9649415481CC300 & # 9649415481CC400 consisting of approx. 3,018 SF
(b) The Premises is located at the following described property ("Property"):
(Address): 60 North Market St. #C300 - #C400 Asheville, NC 28801
Plat Reference: Lot(s) C300 - C400 , Block or Section N/A , as shown on Plat Book or Slide 120 at Page(s) 155 , Buncombe County , consisting of 0.00 acres.
$\boxed{\textbf{X}}$ If this box is checked, Property shall mean that property described on $\textbf{Exhibit B}$ attached hereto and incorporated herewith by reference.
(For information purposes: (i) the tax parcel number of the Property is: #9649415481CC300 & #9649415481CC400 ;
and, (ii) some or all of the Property is described in Deed Book 4916, Page No. 933, Buncombe County.)
All facilities furnished at the Property and designated for the general use, in common, of occupants of the Property and their invitees, agents or employees, including Tenant hereunder, including but not limited to parking areas, streets, driveways, sidewalks, canopies, roadways, loading platforms, shelters, ramps, landscaped areas, exterior water faucets, irrigation systems, exterior lighting fixtures, signs and other facilities whether of a similar or dissimilar nature ("Common Areas") shall at all times be subject to the exclusive
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control and management of Landlord, and Landlord shall have the right from time to time to change the area, level, location and arrangement of the Common Areas and to restrict parking by tenants and their employees to employee parking areas, to make Rules and Regulations (as herein defined) and do such things from time to time as in Landlord's reasonable discretion may be necessary regarding the Common Areas.

Tenant shall also have a non-exclusive right, in common with other tenants at the Property, to the use of the Common Areas at the Property, subject to the terms hereof. **Occupancy Limitation**: If this box is checked, notwithstanding any greater occupancy of the Premises which may be permitted by any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule (including rules enacted pursuant to any private use restrictions), as the same may be amended from time to time, Tenant shall not allow occupancy of the Premises to exceed persons per in the Premises at any one time. **TERM** 2. The term of this Lease shall commence on 2022 ("Lease Commencement Date"), and shall end January 1 at 11:59 p.m. (based upon the time at the locale of the Premises) on December 31 , 2026 , unless sooner terminated as herein provided. The first Lease Year Anniversary shall be the date twelve (12) calendar months after the first day of the first full month immediately following the Lease Commencement Date and successive Lease Year Anniversaries shall be the date twelve (12) calendar months from the previous Lease Year Anniversary. **X** If this box is checked, Tenant shall have the option of renewing this Lease, upon written notice given to Landlord at least days prior to the end of the then expiring term of this Lease, for **Two** additional term(s) of **Two** years each. If this box is checked, Tenant shall have the option of renewing this Lease, upon written notice given to Landlord at least days prior to the end of the then expiring term of this Lease, for additional term(s) as specified on Exhibit C. **Option to Lease-** If this box is checked, Tenant, upon the payment of the sum of \$ (which sum is not rental or security deposit hereunder, but is consideration for this Option to Lease and is non-refundable under any circumstances) shall have a days prior to the Lease Commencement Date ("Option Period") in which to inspect the Premises and make inquiry regarding such sign regulations, zoning regulations, utility availability, private restrictions or permits or other regulatory requirements as Tenant may deem appropriate to satisfy itself as to the use of the Premises for Tenant's intended purposes. Tenant shall conduct all such on-site inspections, examinations, inquiries and other review of the Premises in a good and workmanlike manner, shall repair any damage to the Premises caused by Tenant's entry and on-site inspections and shall conduct same in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with Landlord's or any tenant's use and enjoyment of the Property. In that respect, Tenant shall make reasonable efforts to undertake on-site inspections outside of the hours any tenant's business is open to the public and shall give prior notice to the tenant at the Premises of any entry onto the Premises for the purpose of conducting inspections. Upon Landlord's request, Tenant shall provide to Landlord evidence of general liability insurance. Tenant shall also have a right to review and inspect all contracts or other agreements affecting or related directly to the Premises and shall be entitled to review such books and records of Landlord that relate directly to the operation and maintenance of the Premises, provided, however, that Tenant shall not disclose any information regarding the Property (or any tenant therein) unless required by law and the same shall be regarded as confidential, to any person, except to its attorneys, accountants, lenders and other professional advisors, in which case Tenant shall obtain their agreement to maintain such confidentiality. Tenant assumes all responsibility for the acts of itself, its agents or representatives in exercising its rights under this Option to Lease and agrees to indemnify and hold Seller harmless from any damages resulting therefrom. This indemnification obligation of Tenant shall survive the termination of this Option to Lease or this Lease. Tenant shall, at Tenant's expense, promptly repair any damage to the Premises or Property caused by Tenant's entry and on-site inspections. IF TENANT CHOOSES NOT TO LEASE THE PREMISES, FOR ANY REASON OR NO REASON, AND PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE TO LANDLORD THEREOF PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE OPTION PERIOD, THEN THIS LEASE SHALL TERMINATE AND NEITHER PARTY SHALL HAVE ANY FURTHER OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER AND LANDLORD SHALL RETURN TO TENANT ANY RENTAL OR SECURITY DEPOSIT PAID TO LANDLORD HEREUNDER. Tenant shall be deemed to have exercised its Option to Lease and to be bound under the terms of this Lease if (i) Tenant shall occupy the Premises prior to the expiration of the Option Period, whereupon the date of occupancy shall be deemed the Lease Commencement Date, or (ii) Tenant shall not provide written notice to Landlord of its termination of this Lease prior to the expiration of the Option Period.

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3. Beginning on January 1, 2022 ("Rent Commencement Date"), Tenant agrees to pay Landlord (or its
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Agent as directed by Landlord), without notice, demand, deduction or set off, an annual rental of \$ 73,941.00, neverthely in equal monthly installments of \$ See Exhibit C. in advance on the first day of each calendar month
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Rental for any period during the term hereof which is less than one month shall be the pro-rated portion of the monthly installment of
rental due, based upon a 30 day month.
If this box is checked, the annual rental payable hereunder (and accordingly the monthly installments) shall be adjusted every One Lease Year Anniversary by 3.000 % over the amount then payable hereunder. In the event renewal of this Lease is provided for in Section 2 hereof and effectively exercised by Tenant, the rental adjustments provided herein shall apply to the term of
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UTILITY BILLS/SERVICE CONTRACTS

6. Landlord and Tenant agree that utility bills and service contracts ("Service Obligations") for the Premises shall be paid by the party indicated below as to each Service Obligation. Where a Service Obligation is allocated to Tenant, Tenant shall not be responsible for such service as to any Common Area and such responsibility shall be limited to the Premises (Tenant space). In each instance, the party undertaking responsibility for payment of a Service Obligation covenants that they will pay the applicable bills prior to delinquency. The responsibility to pay for a Service Obligation shall include all metering, hook-up fees or other miscellaneous charges associated with establishing, installing and maintaining such utility or contract in said party's name. Within thirty (30) days of the Lease Commencement Date, Tenant shall provide Landlord with a copy of any requested Tenant Service Obligation information.

Service Obligation	<u>Landlord</u>	Tenant	Not Applicable	
Sewer/Septic	X			
Water	X			
Electric				
Gas		X		
Telephone		X		
HVAC (maintenance/service contract)		X		
Elevator (including phone line)			X	
Security System			X	
Fiber Optic			X	
Janitor/Cleaning		X		
Trash/Dumpster		X		
Landscaping/Maintenance	X			
Sprinkler System (including phone line)	X			
Pest Control	X			
Snow/Ice Removal	X			

Landlord shall not be liable for injury to Tenant's business or loss of income therefrom or for damage that may be sustained by the person, merchandise or personal property of Tenant, its employees, agents, invitees or contractors or any other person in or about the Premises, caused by or resulting from fire, steam, electricity, gas, water or rain, which may leak or flow from or into any part of the Premises, or from the breakage, leakage, obstruction or other defects of any utility installations, air conditioning system or other components of the Premises or the Property, except to the extent that such damage or loss is caused by Landlord's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Landlord represents and warrants that the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system(s) and utility installations existing as of the Lease Commencement Date shall be in good order and repair. Subject to the provisions of this Section 6, Landlord shall not be liable in damages or otherwise for any discontinuance, failure or interruption of service to the Premises of utilities or the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system(s) and Tenant shall have no right to terminate this Lease or withhold rental because of the same.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

7. X If this box is checked, the rules and regulations attached hereto ("Rules and Regulations") are made a part of this Lease. Tenant agrees to comply with all Rules and Regulations of Landlord in connection with the Premises and the Property which are in effect at the time of the execution of the Lease or which may be from time to time promulgated by Landlord in its reasonable discretion, provided notice of such new Rules and Regulations is given to Tenant in writing and the same are not in conflict with the terms and conditions of this Lease. Landlord shall use commercially reasonable efforts to enforce such Rules and Regulations at the Property, provided, however, in no event shall Landlord be obligated to make any material expenditures in connection with the enforcement of such Rules and Regulations. Landlord shall not be liable for any damages arising from any use, act or failure to act of any other tenant or occupant (including such tenant's or occupant's invitees, agents or employees), if any, of the Property.

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PERMITTED USES

8. The permitted use of the Premises shall be: Law Office

("Permitted Use"). The Premises shall be used and wholly occupied by Tenant solely for the purposes of conducting the Permitted Use, and the Premises shall not be used for any other purposes unless Tenant obtains Landlord's prior written approval of any change in use. Landlord makes no representation or warranty regarding the suitability of the Premises for or the legality (under zoning or other applicable ordinances) of the Permitted Use for the Premises, provided however, that Landlord does represent that it has no contractual obligations with other parties which will materially interfere with or prohibit the Permitted Use of Tenant at the Premises. At Tenant's sole expense, Tenant shall procure, maintain and make available for Landlord's inspection from time to time any governmental license(s) or permit(s) required for the proper and lawful conduct of Tenant's business in the Premises. Tenant shall not cause or permit any waste to occur in the Premises and shall not overload the floor, or any mechanical, electrical, plumbing or utility systems serving the Premises. Tenant shall keep the Premises, and every part thereof, in a clean and wholesome condition, free from

any objectionable noises, loud music, objectionable odors or nuisances. TAXES, INSURANCE AND COMMON AREA AND PROPERTY OPERATING EXPENSES (Note: The following box should only be checked if there are no boxes checked below in Section 9.) Tenant shall have no responsibility to reimburse Landlord for taxes, insurance or Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses. 9. Landlord shall pay all taxes (including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, special assessments and any other governmental charges) on the Property, shall procure and pay for such commercial general liability, broad form fire and extended and special perils insurance with respect to the Property as Landlord in its reasonable discretion may deem appropriate and shall maintain and operate the Common Areas and the Property. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for its proportionate share of all taxes, insurance and Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses as provided herein within fifteen (15) days after receipt of notice from Landlord as to the amount due. Tenant shall be solely responsible for insuring Tenant's personal and business property and for paying any taxes or governmental assessments levied thereon. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for its proportionate share of taxes, insurance and Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses during the term of this Lease, and any extension or renewal thereof. If boxes are checked below, the manner of reimbursement shall be as indicated: Taxes Its proportionate share of the amount by which all taxes (including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, special assessments and any other governmental charges) on the Property for each tax year exceed all taxes on the Property for the tax year or Its proportionate share of all taxes (including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, special assessments and any other governmental charges) on the Property for each tax year. If the final Lease Year of the term fails to coincide with the tax year, then any excess for the tax year during which the term ends shall be reduced by the pro rata part of such tax year beyond the Lease term. If such taxes for the year in which the Lease terminates are not ascertainable before payment of the last month's rental, then the amount of such taxes assessed against the Property for the previous tax year shall be used as a basis for determining the pro rata share, if any, to be paid by Tenant for that portion of the last Lease Year. If this box is checked, Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for its proportionate share of taxes by paying to Landlord, beginning on the Rent Commencement Date and on the first day of each calendar month during the term hereof, an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of its proportionate share of the then current tax payments for the Property. Upon receipt of bills, statements or other evidence of taxes due, Landlord shall pay or cause to be paid the taxes. If at any time the reimbursement payments by Tenant hereunder do not equal its proportionate share of the amount of taxes paid by Landlord, Tenant shall upon demand pay to Landlord an amount equal to the deficiency or Landlord shall refund to Tenant any overpayment (as applicable) as documented by Landlord. Landlord shall have no obligation to segregate or otherwise account for the tax reimbursements paid hereunder except as provided in this Section 9. Insurance Its proportionate share of the excess cost of commercial general liability, broad form fire and extended and special perils insurance with respect to the Property over the cost of the first year of the Lease term for each subsequent year during the term of this Lease; or

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Its proportionate share of the cost of all commercial general liability, broad form fire and extended and special perils insurance with respect to the Property.

If this box is checked, Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for its proportionate share of insurance by paying to Landlord, beginning on the Rent Commencement Date and on the first day of each calendar month during the term hereof, an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of its proportionate share of the then current insurance premiums for the Property. Upon receipt of bills, statements or other evidence of insurance premiums due, Landlord shall pay or cause to be paid the insurance premiums. If at any time the reimbursement payments by Tenant hereunder do not equal its proportionate share of the amount of insurance premiums paid by Landlord, Tenant shall upon demand pay to Landlord an amount equal to the deficiency or Landlord shall refund to Tenant any overpayment (as applicable) as documented by Landlord. Landlord shall have no obligation to segregate or otherwise account for the insurance premium reimbursements paid hereunder except as provided in this Section 9.

Provided however, notwithstanding any provision of the foregoing, that in the event Tenant's use of the Premises results in an increase in the rate of insurance on the Property, Tenant shall pay to Landlord, upon demand and as additional rental, the amount of any such increase.

Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses

Its proportionate share of all Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses.

For the purpose of this Lease, Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses shall include: (a) the cost of water and sewer services for any exterior landscaping irrigation systems; (b) the cost of utilities to service the Property (not separately metered to tenants and regardless of their allocation to Landlord under Section 6 hereof) including but not limited to, electric service for any parking lot lighting, marquee signs, ground signs, pylon signs, time clocks, irrigation systems, common electric outlets used in connection with maintenance of the Property, and such other electric costs, including the replacement of light bulbs in Common Areas light fixtures as necessary to properly maintain and operate the Common Areas; (c) the cost of the removal of any trash, including the rental cost of dumpster units and fees for refuse removal; (d) the cost of exterior window washing of vacant spaces, cleaning of any building exterior, awnings, sidewalks, driveways and parking areas; (e) the cost of any grounds maintenance, including but not limited to charges for maintaining plant materials, fertilizer, pesticides, grass mowing, pruning of plants, planting of annual flowers, removal of debris and trash from Common Areas, cleaning supplies, and such other expenses necessary to maintain the Property; (f) the cost of service contracts with independent contractors to maintain on a regular basis the plumbing systems outside the rentable areas of each tenant, and to provide for pest control and exterminating services for the Common Areas; (g) the cost of maintaining the parking areas and driveways, including the re-striping of parking spaces, patching of deteriorated pavement, replacement of parking signs or directional signs; (h) the cost of Landlord's personnel when such personnel are engaged directly in the maintenance of the Common Areas of the Property, including the cost of employer taxes and a proration of employee benefits; (i) the cost of snow and ice removal from parking areas, driveways, walkways and service areas; (j) the cost of telephone, telegraph, stationery, advertising, and mail or shipping costs related directly to the maintenance or operation of the Property; (k) the cost of all repairs and maintenance for the structure, Property and systems related thereto; and (1) such other costs and expenses as are typically incurred in the maintenance and operation of a property of this type, inclusive of a management fee paid by Landlord to a property manager or property management company or organization for the management of the Property and any owner association dues or assessments. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following the end of each calendar year, Landlord shall cause a statement to be prepared of the actual cost of Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses for such calendar year and shall provide Tenant a copy of same. Tenant's proportionate share of Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses is presently estimated to be the sum of \$ 14,209.20 annually or \$ 1,184.10 per month.

Expenses by paying to Landlord, beginning on the Rent Commencement Date and on the first day of each calendar month during the term hereof, the amount set forth above as the presently estimated per month proportionate share of Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses for the Premises. Landlord shall pay or cause to be paid the Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following the end of each calendar year, Landlord shall: (i) cause a statement to be prepared of the actual cost of Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses for such calendar year and shall notify Tenant of any overpayment or underpayment of Tenant's proportionate share of these items during such prior calendar year; and, (ii) establish an estimate of the cost of Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses for the then current calendar year. To the extent Tenant has overpaid Tenant's proportionate share of these items for the preceding calendar year, such overage shall be credited to Tenant's proportionate share of these items for the current calendar year. To the extent Tenant has underpaid Tenant's proportionate share of these items for the preceding calendar year, Tenant shall, on



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the first day of the calendar month following receipt of the statement from Landlord setting forth the amount of such underpayment, pay to Landlord the full amount of such underpayment for the preceding calendar year. In addition, beginning on the first day of the calendar month following the date upon which Landlord shall have delivered to Tenant the statement for the estimated Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses for the then current calendar year, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the product of one-twelfth (1/12) of Tenant's proportionate share of the estimated Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses for the then current calendar year multiplied by the number of calendar months in the calendar year which shall have begun as of said first day, minus the aggregate amount of the monthly payments for Tenant's proportionate share of expenses theretofore paid by Tenant during such calendar year. The remainder of Tenant's proportionate share of such expenses for the then current calendar year shall be paid by Tenant to Landlord on the first day of each succeeding month in equal consecutive monthly installments of one-twelfth (1/12) of the total amount of Tenant's proportionate share of Common Areas and Property Operating Expenses as shown on the estimate thereof provided by Landlord. Landlord shall have no obligation to segregate or otherwise account for the insurance premium reimbursements paid hereunder except as provided in this Section 9.

For purposes of this Section 9, "Tenant's proportionate share" shall mean (check one):	
% of the expenses above designated; or	
\$\frac{1,184.10}{\overline{X}}\$ payable monthly, in satisfaction of all reimbursements under this Section 9; Landlord \$\overline{X}\$ shall not be obligated to provide to Tenant a statement of the actual cost of Common Areas and Property O Expenses for each calendar year.	
INSURANCE; WAIVER; INDEMNITY 10. (a) During the term of this Lease, Tenant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance coverage (occoverage) with broad form contractual liability coverage and with coverage limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit, per occurrence, specifically including liquor liability insurance covering consumption of alcoholic be by customers of Tenant should Tenant choose to sell alcoholic beverages. Such policy shall insure Tenant's performance indemnity provisions of this Lease, but the amount of such insurance shall not limit Tenant's liability nor relieve Tenant obligation hereunder. All policies of insurance provided for herein shall name as "additional insureds" Landlord, Landlord's A mortgagees of Landlord and such other individuals or entities as Landlord may from time to time designate upon written in Tenant. Tenant shall provide to Landlord, at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration, certificates of insurance to evidence any or additional insurance procured by Tenant. Tenant shall provide evidence of all insurance required under this Lease to Landlord to the Lease Commencement Date.	verages e of the of any gent, all otice to renewa

- (b) Landlord (for itself and its insurer) waives any rights, including rights of subrogation, and Tenant (for itself and its insurer) waives any rights, including rights of subrogation, each may have against the other for compensation of any loss or damage occasioned to Landlord or Tenant arising from any risk generally covered by the "all risks" insurance required to be carried by Landlord and Tenant. The foregoing waivers of subrogation shall be operative only so long as available in the State of North Carolina. The foregoing waivers shall be effective whether or not the parties maintain the insurance required to be carried pursuant to this Lease.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 10(b), Tenant indemnifies Landlord for damages proximately caused by the negligence or wrongful conduct of Tenant and Tenant's employees, agents, invitees or contractors. Except as otherwise provided in Section 10(b), Landlord indemnifies Tenant for damages proximately caused by the negligence or wrongful conduct of Landlord and Landlord's employees, agents, invitees or contractors. The indemnity provisions in this Section 10 cover personal injury and property damage and shall bind the employees, agents, invitees or contractors of Landlord and Tenant (as the case may be). The indemnity obligations in this Section 10 shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease.

REPAIRS BY LANDLORD

11. Landlord agrees to keep in good repair the roof, foundation, structural supports, exterior walls (exclusive of all glass and exclusive of all exterior doors) of the Premises and the Common Areas of the Property (including all facilities located in the Common Areas and serving the Premises and any portion of the Property other than the Premises, and capital replacements thereof) provided that Landlord shall not be responsible for repairs or capital replacements rendered necessary by the negligence or intentional wrongful acts of Tenant, its employees, agents, invitees or contractors. Tenant shall promptly report in writing to Landlord any defective condition known to it which Landlord is required to repair and failure to report such conditions shall make Tenant responsible to Landlord for any liability incurred by Landlord by reason of such conditions.

(Note: Should Landlord and Tenant need to further detail the allocation of responsibility hereunder, the Special Stipulations box at the end of the Lease should be checked and such allocation should be specified on an Exhibit C.)

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REPAIRS BY TENANT

(a) Tenant accepts the Premises in their present condition and as suited for the Permitted Use and Tenant's intended purposes. Tenant, throughout the initial term of this Lease, and any extension or renewal thereof, at its expense, shall maintain in good order and repair the Premises (except those repairs expressly required to be made by Landlord hereunder), specifically including but not limited to all light bulb and ballast replacements, plumbing fixtures and systems repairs within the Premises and water heater repairs. Tenant further agrees that it shall not use the Common Areas for storage or for the disposal of refuse or any other material. Tenant shall use only licensed contractors for repairs where such license is required. Landlord shall have the right to approve the contractor as to any repairs in excess of \$ 750.00 |X| If this box is checked, Tenant, at its expense, shall maintain the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system(s) serving the Premises ("HVAC Systems") in good order and repair, including but not limited to replacement of parts, compressors, air handling units and heating units. Tenant shall be required to maintain a preventive maintenance contract for the HVAC Systems on terms and with a provider reasonably acceptable to Landlord, which contract shall call for at least semi-annual maintenance, inspection and repair of such HVAC Systems ("HVAC Contract"). Tenant shall provide a copy of the HVAC Contract to Landlord annually. Provided that: (i) Tenant has kept the HVAC Contract in force, and, (ii) Tenant shall have obtained Landlord's prior written approval of the contractor and the repair or replacement expenses for the HVAC Systems, then, for any calendar year, Tenant shall be responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing the HVAC Systems (or any major component thereof) up to \$ 500.00 per HVAC System with a maximum repair or replacement cost of \$ 1,000.00 for all HVAC Systems ("HVAC Cap") in such year. Tenant shall provide Landlord copies of all records related to the servicing, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the HVAC Systems upon the occurrence of any service, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the HVAC Systems. Landlord shall be responsible for paying the repair cost or replacement cost of such HVAC System in excess of the HVAC Cap. If this box is checked, Landlord, at its expense, shall maintain the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system(s) serving the Premises ("HVAC Systems") in good order and repair, including but not limited to replacement of parts, compressors, air handling units and heating units. Provided that, Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the cost of repairing or replacing the HVAC Systems (or any major component thereof) an amount up to \$ per HVAC System with a for all HVAC Systems ("HVAC Cap") in such year. Landlord shall maximum replacement cost of \$ be responsible for paying the repair cost or replacement cost of such HVAC System in excess of the HVAC Cap. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the amount of the HVAC Cap payable hereunder upon the written request of Landlord. (b) Tenant, Tenant's employees, agents, invitees or contractors shall take no action which may void any manufacturers or installers warranty with relation to the Premises or the Property. Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from any liability, claim, demand or cause of action arising on account of Tenant's breach of the provisions of this Section 12.

ALTERATIONS

13. Tenant shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Premises without Landlord's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Landlord, in connection with Landlord's consent to same, may designate any such alterations, additions, or improvements to the Premises as subject to removal upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, in which case, upon Landlord's written notice to Tenant to remove same at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, Tenant shall do so and restore the Premises to the condition that existed prior to such alterations, additions, or improvements being made. Tenant shall promptly remove any alterations, additions, or improvements constructed in violation of this Section 13 upon Landlord's written request. All approved alterations, additions, and improvements will be accomplished in a good and workmanlike manner, in conformity with all applicable laws and regulations, and by a contractor approved by Landlord, free of any liens or encumbrances. Tenant has no authority to allow, will not permit, and will indemnify Landlord and hold it harmless from, any contractors', laborers', mechanics', or materialmen's liens, or any other similar liens filed against the Premises in connection with any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Premises.

SURRENDERING THE PREMISES

14. Tenant shall schedule its move date with Landlord, in writing, in advance of the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease. Tenant agrees to return the Premises to Landlord at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, broom clean and in as good condition and repair as on the Lease Commencement Date, natural wear and tear, damage by storm, fire, lightning, earthquake or other casualty alone excepted. By written notice to Tenant, Landlord may require Tenant to remove any alterations, additions or improvements at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease (whether or not made with Landlord's consent and whether or not designated via Section 13 as subject to removal) and to restore the Premises to its prior condition as of the Lease Commencement Date, all at Tenant's expense. All alterations, additions and improvements which Landlord has not required Tenant to remove shall become Landlord's property and shall be surrendered to Landlord upon the termination of this Lease, except that Tenant may remove

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any of Tenant's personal property or trade fixtures which can be removed without material damage to the Premises. Tenant shall repair, at Tenant's expense, any damage to the Premises caused by the removal of any such personal property or trade fixtures.

(Note: Should Landlord and Tenant need to further enumerate their intent/understanding as to the status of items or property as fixtures, trade fixtures, or personal property hereunder, the Special Stipulations box at the end of the Lease should be checked and such enumeration should be specified by listing same by category on an Exhibit C.)

DESTRUCTION OF OR DAMAGE TO PREMISES

- 15. (a) If the Premises are totally destroyed by storm, fire, lightning, earthquake or other casualty, Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease on written notice to Tenant within thirty (30) days after such destruction and this Lease shall terminate as of the date of such destruction and rental shall be accounted for as between Landlord and Tenant as of that date.
- (b) If the Premises are damaged but not wholly destroyed by any such casualties or if the Landlord does not elect to terminate the Lease under Section 15(a) above, Landlord shall commence (or shall cause to be commenced) reconstruction of the Premises within one hundred twenty (120) days after such occurrence and prosecute the same diligently to completion, not to exceed two hundred seventy (270) days from the date upon which Landlord receives applicable permits and insurance proceeds. In the event Landlord shall fail to substantially complete reconstruction of the Premises within said two hundred seventy (270) day period, Tenant's sole remedy shall be to terminate this Lease.
- (c) In the event of any casualty at the Premises during the last one (1) year of the Lease Term, Landlord and Tenant each shall have the option to terminate this Lease on written notice to the other of exercise thereof within sixty (60) days after such occurrence.
- (d) In the event of reconstruction of the Premises, Tenant shall continue the operation of its business in the Premises during any such period to the extent reasonably practicable from the standpoint of prudent business management, and the obligation of Tenant to pay annual rental and any other sums due under this Lease shall remain in full force and effect during the period of reconstruction. The annual rental and other sums due under this Lease shall be abated proportionately with the degree to which Tenant's use of the Premises is impaired, commencing from the date of destruction and continuing during the period of such reconstruction. Tenant shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages from Landlord for loss of use of the whole or any part of the Premises, Tenant's personal property, or any inconvenience or annoyance occasioned by such damage, reconstruction or replacement.
- (e) In the event of the termination of this Lease under any of the provisions of this Section 15, both Landlord and Tenant shall be released from any liability or obligation under this Lease arising after the date of termination, except as otherwise provided for in this Lease.

GOVERNMENTAL ORDERS

16. Landlord, at its own expense, shall comply with: (a) any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, requirement, order, court decision or procedural requirement of any governmental or quasi-governmental authority relative to the Common Areas and/or facilities serving the Common Areas (or any facilities serving the Premises and the Common Areas), (b) the rules and regulations of any applicable governmental insurance authority or any similar body, relative to the Common Area and/or facilities serving the Common Areas (or any facilities serving the Premises and the Common Areas). Tenant, at its own expense, agrees to comply with: (a) any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, requirement, order, court decision or procedural requirement of any governmental or quasi-governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Premises, (b) the rules and regulations of any applicable governmental insurance authority or any similar body, relative to the Premises and Tenant's activities therein; (c) provisions of or rules enacted pursuant to any private use restrictions, as the same may be amended from time to time and (d) the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C.S. §12101, et seq.) and the regulations and accessibility guidelines enacted pursuant thereto, as the same may be amended from time to time. Landlord and Tenant agree, however, that if in order to comply with such requirements the cost to Tenant shall exceed a sum equal to one (1) year's rent, then Tenant may terminate this Lease by giving written notice of termination to Landlord in accordance with the terms of this Lease, which termination shall become effective sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice and which notice shall eliminate the necessity of compliance with such requirements, unless, within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice, Landlord agrees in writing to be responsible for such compliance, at its own expense, and commences compliance activity, in which case Tenant's notice given hereunder shall not terminate this Lease.

CONDEMNATION

17. (a) If the entire Premises shall be appropriated or taken under the power of eminent domain by any governmental or quasi-governmental authority or under threat of and in lieu of condemnation (hereinafter, "taken" or "taking"), this Lease shall terminate as of the date of such taking, and Landlord and Tenant shall have no further liability or obligation arising under this Lease after such date, except as otherwise provided for in this Lease.

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- (b) If more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the floor area of the Premises is taken, or if by reason of any taking of the Property or the Premises, regardless of the amount so taken, the remainder of the Premises is not one undivided space or is rendered unusable for the Permitted Use, either Landlord or Tenant shall have the right to terminate this Lease as of the date the portion of the Premises of taking of the portion of the Premises or Property so taken, upon giving notice of such election within thirty (30) days after receipt by Tenant from Landlord of written notice that said portion of the Premises or the Property have been or will be so taken. In the event of such termination, both Landlord and Tenant shall be released from any liability or obligation under this Lease arising after the date of termination, except as otherwise provided for in this Lease.
 - (c) Landlord and Tenant, immediately after learning of any taking, shall give notice thereof to each other.
- (d) If this Lease is not terminated on account of a taking as provided herein above, then Tenant shall continue to occupy that portion of the Premises not taken and the parties shall proceed as follows: (i) at Landlord's cost and expense and as soon as reasonably possible, Landlord shall restore (or shall cause to be restored) the Premises and/or Property remaining to a complete unit of like quality and character as existed prior to such appropriation or taking, and (ii) the annual rent provided for in Section 3 and other sums due under the Lease shall be reduced on an equitable basis, taking into account the relative values of the portion taken as compared to the portion remaining. Tenant waives any statutory rights of termination that may arise because of any partial taking of the Premises and/or the Property.
- (e) Landlord shall be entitled to the entire condemnation award for any taking of the Premises and/or the Property or any part thereof. Tenant's right to receive any amounts separately awarded to Tenant directly from the condemning authority for the taking of its merchandise, personal property, relocation expenses and/or interests in other than the real property taken shall not be affected in any manner by the provisions of this Section 17, provided Tenant's award does not reduce or affect Landlord's award and provided further, Tenant shall have no claim for the loss of its leasehold estate.

ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

18. Tenant shall not assign this Lease or any interest hereunder or sublet the Premises or any part thereof, or permit the use of the Premises by any party other than the Tenant, without Landlord's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Tenant shall pay to Landlord, concurrently with any request for consent to assignment or sublet, a as payment to Landlord for its review and processing of the request. In addition, non-refundable fee of \$ 500.00 Tenant shall pay to Landlord any legal fees and expenses incurred by Landlord in connection with the proposed assignment or sublet, to the extent such amounts exceed \$ 1,000.00 . Consent to any assignment or sublease shall not impair this provision and all later assignments or subleases shall be made likewise only on the prior written consent of Landlord. No sublease or assignment by Tenant shall relieve Tenant of any liability hereunder.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

19. The happening of any one or more of the following events (hereinafter any one of which may be referred to as an "Event of Default") during the term of this Lease, or any renewal or extension thereof, shall constitute a breach of this Lease on the part of the Tenant: (a) Tenant fails to pay when due the rental or any other monetary obligation as provided for herein; (b) Tenant abandons or vacates the Premises; (c) Tenant fails to comply with or abide by and perform any non-monetary obligation imposed upon Tenant under this Lease within thirty (30) days after written notice of such breach; (d) Tenant is adjudicated bankrupt; (e) A permanent receiver is appointed for Tenant's property and such receiver is not removed within sixty (60) days after written notice from Landlord to Tenant to obtain such removal; (f) Tenant, either voluntarily or involuntarily, takes advantage of any debt or relief proceedings under any present or future law, whereby the rent or any part thereof is, or is proposed to be, reduced or payment thereof deferred and such proceeding is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the filing thereof; (g) Tenant makes an assignment for benefit of creditors; or (h) Tenant's effects are levied upon or attached under process against Tenant, which is not satisfied or dissolved within thirty (30) days after written notice from Landlord to Tenant to obtain satisfaction thereof.

REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

20. Upon the occurrence of Event of Default, Landlord may pursue any one or more of the following remedies separately or concurrently, without prejudice to any other remedy herein provided or provided by law: (a) Landlord may terminate this Lease by giving written notice to Tenant and upon such termination shall be entitled to recover from Tenant damages as may be permitted under applicable law; or (b) Landlord may terminate this Lease by giving written notice to Tenant and, upon such termination, shall be entitled to recover from the Tenant damages in an amount equal to all rental which is due and all rental which would otherwise have become due throughout the remaining term of this Lease, or any renewal or extension thereof (as if this Lease had not been terminated); or (c) Landlord, as Tenant's agent, without terminating this Lease, may enter upon and rent the Premises, in whole or in part, at the best price obtainable by reasonable effort, without advertisement and by private negotiations and for any term Landlord deems proper, with Tenant being liable to Landlord for the deficiency, if any, between Tenant's rent hereunder and the price obtained

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by Landlord on reletting, provided however, that Landlord shall not be considered to be under any duty by reason of this provision to take any action to mitigate damages by reason of Tenant's default and expressly shall have no duty to mitigate Tenant's damages. No termination of this Lease prior to the normal ending thereof, by lapse of time or otherwise, shall affect Landlord's right to collect rent for the period prior to termination thereof. Tenant acknowledges and understands that Landlord's acceptance of partial rental will not waive Tenant's breach of this Lease or limit Landlord's rights against Tenant hereunder or Landlord's right to evict Tenant through a summary ejectment proceeding, whether filed before or after Landlord's acceptance of any such partial rental.

EXTERIOR SIGNS

21. Tenant shall place no signs upon the outside walls, doors or roof of the Premises or anywhere on the Property, except with the express written consent of the Landlord in Landlord's sole discretion. Any consent given by Landlord shall expressly not be a representation of or warranty of any legal entitlement to signage at the Premises or on the Property. Any and all signs placed on the Premises or the Property by Tenant shall be maintained in compliance with governmental rules and regulations governing such signs and Tenant shall be responsible to Landlord for any damage caused by installation, use or maintenance of said signs, and all damage incident to removal thereof.

LANDLORD'S ENTRY OF PREMISES

22. Landlord may advertise the Premises "For Rent" 180 or Less days before the termination of this Lease. Landlord may enter the Premises upon prior notice at reasonable hours to exhibit same to prospective purchasers or tenants, to make repairs required of Landlord under the terms hereof, for reasonable business purposes and otherwise as may be agreed by Landlord and Tenant. Landlord may enter the Premises at any time without prior notice, in the event of an emergency or to make emergency repairs to the Premises. Upon request of Landlord, Tenant shall provide Landlord with a functioning key to the Premises and shall replace such key if the locks to the Premises are changed.

QUIET ENJOYMENT

23. So long as Tenant observes and performs the covenants and agreements contained herein, it shall at all times during the Lease term peacefully and quietly have and enjoy possession of the Premises, subject to the terms hereof.

HOLDING OVER

24. If Tenant remains in possession of the Premises after expiration of the term hereof, Tenant shall be a tenant at sufferance and there shall be no renewal of this Lease by operation of law. In such event, commencing on the date following the date of expiration of the term, the monthly rental payable under Section 3 above shall for each month, or fraction thereof during which Tenant so remains in possession of the Premises, be **twice** the monthly rental otherwise payable under Section 3 above.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

- 25. (a) Tenant covenants that with respect to any Hazardous Materials (as defined below) it will comply with any and all federal, state or local laws, ordinances, rules, decrees, orders, regulations or court decisions relating to hazardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, toxic substances, environmental conditions on, under or about the Premises or the Property or soil and ground water conditions, including, but not limited to, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, any other legal requirement concerning hazardous or toxic substances, and any amendments to the foregoing (collectively, all such matters being "Hazardous Materials Requirements"). Tenant shall remove from the Premises, all Hazardous Materials that were placed on the Premises by Tenant or Tenant's employees, agents, invitees or contractors, either after their use by Tenant or upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, in compliance with all Hazardous Materials Requirements.
- (b) Tenant shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits in connection with its use, storage and disposal of Hazardous Materials, and shall develop and maintain, and where necessary file with the appropriate authorities, all reports, receipts, manifest, filings, lists and invoices covering those Hazardous Materials and Tenant shall provide Landlord with copies of all such items upon request. Tenant shall provide within five (5) days after receipt thereof, copies of all notices, orders, claims or other correspondence from any federal, state or local government or agency alleging any violation of any Hazardous Materials Requirements by Tenant, or related in any manner to Hazardous Materials. In addition, Tenant shall provide Landlord with copies of all responses to such correspondence at the time of the response.
- (c) Tenant hereby indemnifies and holds harmless Landlord, its successors and assigns from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, injuries, penalties, fines, costs, expenses and claims of any and every kind whatsoever (including attorney's fees and costs) paid, incurred or suffered by, or asserted against Landlord as a result of any claim, demand or judicial or administrative action by any person or entity (including governmental or private entities) for, with respect to, or as a direct or indirect result of, the presence on or under or the escape, seepage, leakage, spillage, discharge, emission or release from the Premises or the Property of any Hazardous Materials caused by Tenant or Tenant's employees, agents, invitees or contractors. This indemnity shall also apply to any

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release of Hazardous Materials caused by a fire or other casualty to the Premises if such Hazardous Materials were stored on the Premises or the Property by Tenant, its agents, employees, invitees or successors in interest.

- (d) For purposes of this Lease, "Hazardous Materials" means any chemical, compound, material, substance or other matter that: (i) is defined as a hazardous substance, hazardous material or waste, or toxic substance pursuant to any Hazardous Materials Requirements, (ii) is regulated, controlled or governed by any Hazardous Materials Requirements, (iii) is petroleum or a petroleum product, or (iv) is asbestos, formaldehyde, a radioactive material, drug, bacteria, virus, or other injurious or potentially injurious material (by itself or in combination with other materials).
 - (e) The warranties and indemnities contained in this Section 25 shall survive the termination of this Lease.

SUBORDINATION; ATTORNMENT; ESTOPPEL

- 26. (a) This Lease and all of Tenant's rights hereunder are and shall be subject and subordinate to all currently existing and future mortgages affecting the Premises. Within ten (10) days after the receipt of a written request from Landlord or any Landlord mortgagee, Tenant shall confirm such subordination by executing and delivering Landlord and Landlord's mortgagee a recordable subordination agreement and such other documents as may be reasonably requested, in form and content satisfactory to Landlord and Landlord's mortgagee. Provided, however, as a condition to Tenant's obligation to execute and deliver any such subordination agreement, the applicable mortgagee must agree that mortgagee shall not unilaterally, materially alter this Lease and this Lease shall not be divested by foreclosure or other default proceedings thereunder so long as Tenant shall not be in default under the terms of this Lease beyond any applicable cure period set forth herein. Tenant acknowledges that any Landlord mortgagee has the right to subordinate at any time its interest in this Lease and the leasehold estate to that of Tenant, without Tenant's consent.
- (b) If Landlord sells, transfers, or conveys its interest in the Premises or this Lease, or if the same is foreclosed judicially or nonjudicially, or otherwise acquired, by a Landlord mortgagee, upon the request of Landlord or Landlord's successor, Tenant shall attorn to said successor, provided said successor accepts the Premises subject to this Lease. Tenant shall, upon the request of Landlord or Landlord's successor, execute an attornment agreement confirming the same, in form and substance acceptable to Landlord or Landlord's successor and Landlord shall thereupon be released and discharged from all its covenants and obligations under this Lease, except those obligations that have accrued prior to such sale, transfer or conveyance; and Tenant agrees to look solely to the successor in interest of Landlord for the performance of those covenants accruing after such sale, transfer or conveyance. Such agreement shall provide, among other things, that said successor shall not be bound by (a) any prepayment of more than one (1) month's rental (except the Security Deposit) or (b) any material amendment of this Lease made after the later of the Lease Commencement Date or the date that such successor's lien or interest first arose, unless said successor shall have consented to such amendment.
- (c) Within ten (10) days after request from Landlord, Tenant shall execute and deliver to Landlord an estoppel certificate (to be prepared by Landlord and delivered to Tenant) with appropriate facts then in existence concerning the status of this Lease and Tenant's occupancy, and with any exceptions thereto noted in writing by Tenant. Tenant's failure to execute and deliver the Estoppel Certificate within said ten (10) day period shall be deemed to make conclusive and binding upon Tenant in favor of Landlord and any potential mortgagee or transferee the statements contained in such estoppel certificate without exception.

ABANDONMENT

27. Tenant shall not abandon the Premises at any time during the Lease term. If Tenant shall abandon the Premises or be dispossessed by process of law, any personal property belonging to Tenant and left on the Premises, at the option of Landlord, shall be deemed abandoned, and available to Landlord to use or sell to offset any rent due or any expenses incurred by removing same and restoring the Premises.

NOTICES

28. All notices required or permitted under this Lease shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or sent by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Notices to Tenant shall be delivered or sent to the address shown at the beginning of this Lease, except that upon Tenant taking possession of the Premises, then the Premises shall be Tenant's address for such purposes. Notices to Landlord shall be delivered or sent to the address shown at the beginning of this Lease and notices to Agent, if any, shall be delivered or sent to the address set forth in Section 3 hereof. All notices shall be effective upon delivery. Any party may change its notice address upon written notice to the other parties, given as provided herein.

BROKERS

29. Except as expressly provided herein, Tenant and Landlord agree to indemnify and hold each other harmless from any and all claims of brokers, consultants or real estate agents by, through or under the indemnifying party for fees or commissions arising out of the lease of the Property to Tenant. Tenant and Landlord represent and warrant to each other that: (i) except as to the brokers designated below ("Brokers"), they have not employed nor engaged any brokers, consultants or real estate agents to be involved in

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this transaction and (ii) that the compensation of the Brokers is established by and shall be governed by separate agreements entered into as amongst the Brokers, the Tenant and/or the Landlord.

	Carla &	Company Real Estate S	Services			("Listing	Agency")
	Carla Barna	ırd	("Listin	g Agent" - L	icense # 2	86709	
Acting as:	X Landlord's Agent;	Dual Agent					
and	Carla	& Company Real Estate	e Service	es		("Leasing	Agency")
·	Jessica Aug	ge	("Leasii	ng Agent" -	License #	288191)
Acting as:	X Tenant's Agent;	Landlord's (Sub)Ager	nt;	Dual Agent			

GENERAL TERMS

- 30. (a) "Landlord" as used in this Lease shall include the undersigned, its heirs, representatives, assigns and successors in title to the Premises. "Agent" as used in this Lease shall mean the party designated as same in Section 3, its heirs, representatives, assigns and successors. "Tenant" shall include the undersigned and its heirs, representatives, assigns and successors, and if this Lease shall be validly assigned or sublet, shall include also Tenant's assignees or sublessees as to the Premises covered by such assignment or sublease. "Landlord", "Tenant", and "Agent" include male and female, singular and plural, corporation, partnership or individual, as may fit the particular parties.
- (b) No failure of Landlord to exercise any power given Landlord hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by Tenant of its obligations hereunder and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof shall constitute a waiver of Landlord's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof. All rights, powers and privileges conferred hereunder upon parties hereto shall be cumulative and not restrictive of those given by law.

(c) Time is of the essence in this Lease.

- (d) This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts, which taken together, shall constitute one and the same original document. Copies of original signature pages of this Lease may be exchanged via facsimile or e-mail, and any such copies shall constitute originals. This Lease constitutes the sole and entire agreement among the parties hereto and no modification of this Lease shall be binding unless in writing and signed by all parties hereto. The invalidity of one or more provisions of this Lease shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof and this Lease shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provisions were not included.
- (e) Each signatory to this Lease represents and warrants that he or she has full authority to sign this Lease and such instruments as may be necessary to effectuate any transaction contemplated by this Lease on behalf of the party for whom he or she signs and that his or her signature binds such party. The parties acknowledge and agree that: (i) the initials lines at the bottom of each page of this Lease are merely evidence of their having reviewed the terms of each page, and (ii) the complete execution of such initials lines shall not be a condition of the effectiveness of this Lease.
- (f) Upon request by either Landlord or Tenant, the parties hereto shall execute a short form lease (memorandum of lease) in recordable form, setting forth such provisions hereof (other than the amount of annual rental and other sums due) as either party may wish to incorporate. The cost of recording such memorandum of lease shall be borne by the party requesting execution of same.
- (g) If legal proceedings are instituted to enforce any provision of this Lease, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorneys fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS

Note: U	Note: Under North Carolina law, real estate agents are not permitted to draft lease provisions				
X reference	If this box is checked, additional terms of this Lease are set forth on Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein by e.				
and inco	If this box is checked, improvements to the Premises to be provided by Landlord are set forth on Exhibit D attached hereto proprieted herein by reference.				

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto caused this Lease to be duly executed.

LANDLORD:

Individual	Business Entity		
	River Tree, LLC		
	(Name of Firm)		
Date:	By: Unistine trans		
	Christine Kane		
Data	Title: Managing Member		
Date:			
TENANT:			
Individual	Business Entity		
	The Litigation Practice Group, PC		
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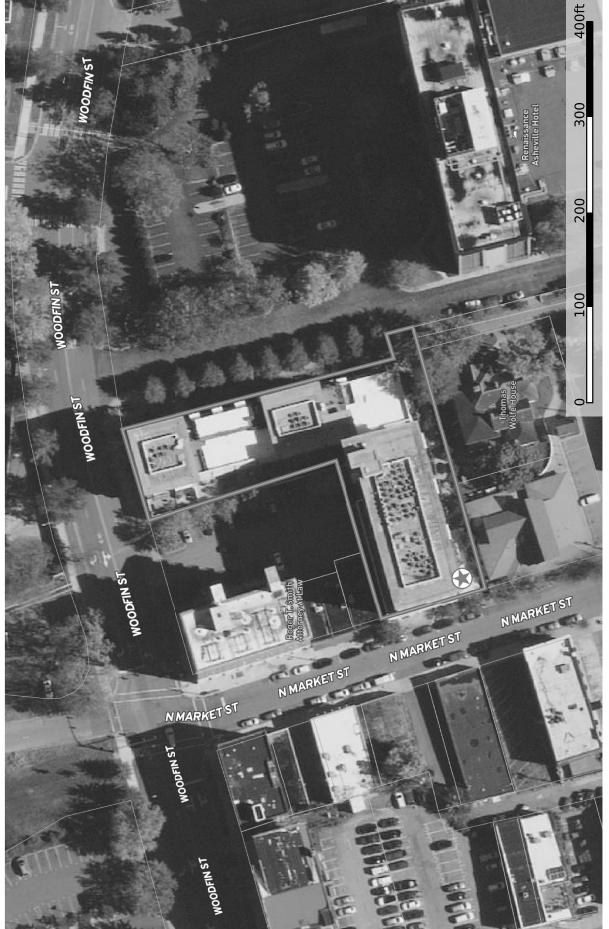
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Boundary

Existing Site

BUILDING SKETCH

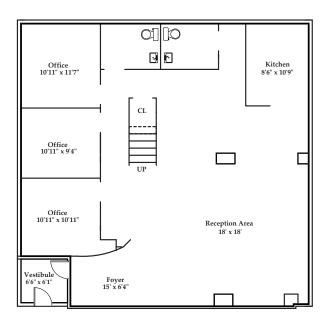
EXHIBIT B

60 North Market Street, Asheville Suite C300

Approximate Net Leasable Area: 3018 Square Feet

First Floor: 1542 Square Feet Second Floor: 1476 Square Feet

Condominium Square Footage is Calculated from Interior Dimensions



FIRST FLOOR 1542 Square Feet

Prepared by Judy Brouillette-O'Neil: ProPlans of the Carolinas, LLC for Carla & Company Keller Williams Commercial Real Estate



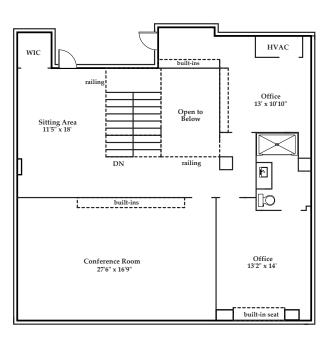
All dimensions are rounded to the nearest .01 and are deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

Square Footage Calculations determined following ANSI Standards and NCREC House Measuring Square Footage Guidelines.

Scale: 1" = 12'

BUILDING SKETCH

EXHIBIT B



SECOND FLOOR 1476 Square Feet *8'3" Ceiling Height*

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Exhibit C Additional Provisions Addendum To Commercial Lease Agreement(Multi-Tenant Facility)

The provisions set forth in this Additional Provisions Addendum are in addition to or modify those terms set forth in the body of the *Commercial Lease Agreement (Multi-Tenant Facility)* by and between RIVER TREE, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Landlord") and THE LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP, P.C., a California corporation (the "Tenant") for the lease of those certain premises being #C300 & C400 at 60 N. Market St., Asheville, North Carolina, NC 28801 (the "Premises"), to which this Addendum is attached (the "Lease"). To the extent provisions of this Addendum conflict with any terms in the body of the Lease, the provisions of this Addendum shall supersede such conflicting terms and control. All capitalized terms in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Lease, unless a specific meaning is set forth in this Addendum.

- 1. **Notice of Default.** Section 19(a) of the body of the Lease is stricken in its entirety and amended and restated to read as follows: "(a) Tenant fails to pay when due the rental or any other month monetary obligation as provided herein with seven (7) days of receipt of written notice from Landlord of such default:".
 - 2. **Tenant EIN No.**: 83-3885343
- 3. **Business Name:** Tenant shall operate at the Premises under the business name of The Litigation Practice Group

4. Base Rent:

YEAR	PRICE/ SF	BASE RENT/ MTH	MONTHLY CAM*	MONTHLY TOTAL	ANNUAL TOTAL
Month 1 - Month 6	\$24.00	\$6,036.00	\$1,184.10	\$7,220.10	\$86,641.20
Month 7 - Month 12	\$25.00	\$6,287.50	\$1,184.10	\$7,471.60	\$89,659.20
2	\$25.75	\$6,476.13	\$1,184.10	\$7,660.23	\$91,922.76
3	\$26.52	\$6,670.41	\$1,184.10	\$7,854.51	\$94,254.12
4	\$27.32	\$6,870.52	\$1,184.10	\$8,054.62	\$96,655.44
5	\$28.14	\$7,076.64	\$1,184.10	\$8,260.74	\$99,128.88

- 5. **Condo Assessments**. Tenant shall not be responsible for any special assessments from the Condo Association of the Building that relate to capital repairs, reserves or special assessments for capital improvements to the Building and such costs shall be excluded from the Additional Rent.
- 6. **Condition of Premises**. Landlord shall complete the following items (the Landlord Work"): (i) by the Lease Commencement Date, Landlord shall deliver the Premises with the HVAC serviced and in good working order, the water heater confirmed in working order, kitchen appliances confirmed in working order, replace any light bulbs that are blown out, and patch/repair any nail holes in walls throughout the Premises, and (ii) within thirty (30) days of the Lease Commencement Date, Landlord, at is sole cost and expense shall repair the flooring damaged by water staining (the "Landlord Work"). In addition, Landlord represents and warrants to Tenant that the Premises shall be delivered to Tenant in a watertight condition, and free of any mold or mildew ("Delivery Condition"). Except for the Landlord Work and the Delivery Condition, the Premises are being delivered to Tenant in an "as is, where is"

condition. The Tenant is responsible for compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and laws applicable to the Permitted Use.

- 6. **Insurance**. Tenant to provide a copy of its insurance policy within five (5) business days of Lease Execution, with the Landlord named as an additional insured party. The Tenant shall not be provided access to the Premises until such evidence of insurance is provided to Landlord.
 - 7. **First Month's Rent**. Payable on Lease execution.
- 8. **Parking**. Lease shall include two parking spaces (numbers 140 and 141) for the exclusive use of the Tenant located at the basement level of the Building of which the Premises form part. Tenant is responsible for cost of replacing lost key fobs/access codes or parking decals as appropriate.
- 9. **Trash Removal**. Tenant to remove its own trash from the Premises or use standard City of Asheville trash services. Tenant shall not allow trash to accumulate on the exterior of the Premises. Tenant does not have access to the residential communal dumpster chute on 3rd floor of the Building.
- 10. **No Nuisance**. Tenant shall use best efforts to prevent emission of noxious smells, noise, smoke, staff smoking and high decibel music within the Building.
- 11. **Improvements**. Tenant shall be permitted to paint select walls with Landlord's proper consent, including paint and custom signage affixed to the "rounded" wall located at the entry to the Premises.
- 12. **Repairs.** Tenant shall be responsible for ongoing maintenance of all internal fixtures, fittings and equipment within the Premises, including the HVAC subject to the HVAC Cap set forth in the Lease. Landlord shall be financially responsible for repairs to the wood floor in the upper office.
- 13. **Security**. Throughout the terms of the Lease, Landlord shall maintain key-pad access to the door (located in the vestibule) leading into the Premises.
- 14. **Signage.** Subject to all applicable City of Asheville sign ordinances and bylaws governing the Building of which the Premises form part.

Tenant THE LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP, P.C.	Landlord RIVER TREE, LLC
By: Daw March Print Name: Print Title: Managing Shareholder	By: Christine kane Print Name: Christine Kane Print Title: Managing Member 12/22/2021

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 870 Roosevelt, Irvine, CA 92620.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled: STIPULATION FOR (1) RETURN OF POSSESSION OF PREMISES AFTER REJECTION OF COMMERCIAL LEASE; AND (2) ALLOWANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM RE: 60 N MARKET ST. # C300 & C400, ASHEVILLE, NC 28801-8124 will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. <u>TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)</u> : Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On <u>September 18, 2023</u> , I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:			
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2. <u>SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL</u> : On <u>September 18, 2023</u> , I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.			
MAIL REDIRECTED TO TRUSTEE DEBTOR	SECURED CREDITOR / POC ADDRESS	SECURED CREDITOR RIVER TREE, LLC	
THE LITIGATION PRACTICE	RIVER TREE, LLC	C/O LYNDA T. BUI, ESQ.	
GROUP P.C.	C/O MAYS JOHNSON LAW FIRM	SHULMAN BASTIAN FRIEDMAN & BUI	
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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL: Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on **September 18, 2023**, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY:

TUSTIN, CA 92780-1981

PRESIDING JUDGE'S COPY

HONORABLE SCOTT C. CLARKSON UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA RONALD REAGAN FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE 411 WEST FOURTH STREET, SUITE 5130 / COURTROOM 5C SANTA ANA, CA 92701-4593

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. September 18, 2023 Cynthia Bastida /s/ Cynthia Bastida Printed Name Date Signature

This form is mandatory. It has been approved for use by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

IRVINE, CA 92618-4969

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